

up keep of children staying in these homes as per cost norms under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "A Programme for Juvenile Justice". The remaining 50 per cent expenditure is met by the State Government. State-wise budget alloctions are not made under the scheme, 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice'. Funds released as per the proposals received under the scheme. The State-wise break-up of releases to State Governments is, however available. The details of financial assistance made to the State Government of Goa during last three financial years under the scheme are given below:

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Amount released	5.88	4.95	5.35

[Rs. in lakhs]

The State Government has also provided in the current financial year budget, an amount of Rs. 130.80 lakhs for Children Homes of which Rs. 90.80 lakhs has been provided for State Government run Children's Homes.

(f) The schemes are as under:

- (i) A Programme for Juvenile Justice;
- (ii) An integrated Programme for Street Children under which Childline service is being supported;
- (iii) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);
- (iv) Scheme for Welfare of children in Need to Care and Protection.

Malnutrition prevention campaigns in Maharashtra and Punjab

2871. SHRI DARA SINGH; Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the malnutrition prevention campaigns being undertaken to lessen malnutrition in Maharashtra and Punjab with the help of UNICEF and the Department of Health;
- (b) whether the help of anganwadi workers, local public representatives and social workers too is being taken in these campaigns; and
- (c) whether the malnutrition has been reduced in the above mentioned

States and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) UNICEF initiated the Marathwada intervention in 8 backward districts of Maharashtra in 2002 to address the problem of malnutrition amongst children. Based on the success of Marathwada initiative, the State Nutrition Mission was set up in 2004-05. The Mission, presently covers 23 out of 36 districts in the state and will progressively cover the entire state.

UNICEF does not have a malnutrition reduction programme in Punjab.

(b) Local elected representatives, officials of the Department of Women & Child Development, Health, Urban Development, NGOs community based organizations, academic institutions, media, professional bodies have come together to implement this initiative in Maharashtra.

(c) As per the provisional data of National Family Health Survey (NFHS 3) prevalence of underweight amongst children declined from 50% in 1998-99 (NFHS 2) to 40% in 2005-06 (NFHS 3) in Maharashtra. Similarly, in Punjab, the percentage of underweight children has declined from 28.7% to 27% between 1998-99 and 2005-06.

Swayamsidha Scheme

2872. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Swayamsidha Scheme;
- (b) the details of proposals submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh under the scheme of Swayamsidha during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the assistance extended to Andhra Pradesh under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The aims and objectives of Swayamsidha Scheme are all round empowerment of women, especially socially and economically by ensuring their direct access to,